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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN-CZECH EXHIBIT OPENING

WHILE FIGHT GOES ON AT CPSU CONGRESS IN MOSCOW ABOUT COMMUNIST SOLIDARITY OR LACK OF IT, WE HAD SMALL DEMONSTRATION OF ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES HERE IN PRAGUE, WHEN A ROMANIAN FOLK ART EXHIBIT OPENED MARCH 4 UNDER JOINT AUSPICES OF CZECH MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND ROMANIAN EMBASSY. AT CEREMONIAL OPENING, ROMANIAN DCM SPOKE ABOUT COLORS AND RICH TEXTURES IN ROMANIAN FOLK ART, WHILE REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECH MINISTRY OF CULTURE MANAGED TO SPEAK ABOUT "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM." CHARGE AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAD SOME PLEASANT EXCHANGES WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS AFTERWARDS ABOUT THE CONTRAST. (ONE ROMANIAN SAID THE CZECH SPOKESMAN WAS AN AMBITIOUS YOUNG MAN WANTING TO GET AHEAD, AND THE WAY TO DO THAT HERE WAS TO TALK ABOUT PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM.) WHILE JLENYR, #ROMANIANS

OBVIOUSLY FELT IT WAS TYPICAL OF CZECH OFFICIALDOM TO MAKE THIS KIND OF OFFENSIVE REFERENCE AT WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CULTURAL EVENT.
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